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Atty. Dkt. No. 6AR 13788

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Advisory Action dated May 18, 2004 and Final Office Action dated February 24, 2004, set to expire on August 24, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14 and 15 were objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner concludes that these claims would be allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 14 and 15 have been rewritten in independent form and are therefore in allowable condition.

Claims 1-13 and 16-20 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the rights to file one or more continuation applications to continue prosecution of these claims.

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Conclusion

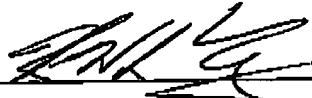
Thus, the Applicants submit that all of the claims now fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all of the claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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